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Council Offices  
WIGTON  
Cumberland

August 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Wigton Rural District Council

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report for the year 1970.

I am grateful for the large contribution of Mr Blackburn, the Chief Public Health Inspector, to the report.

Dr C A Bentley was Medical Officer of Health throughout the year but took up another appointment early in 1971 and therefore I have prepared this report on his behalf.

I wish to thank the Members of Council, colleagues in other departments of the Council and members of the Health Department for their assistance during the year.

I am, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

JOHN CONNOLLY

Medical Officer of Health

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Mrs F E Hammond	Clerk-Typist (part-time)
Mrs M D L Osborne	Clerk-Typist Resigned: 31.7.70.
Miss J Rudd	Clerk-Typist Appointed: 1.8.70.



## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of District in acres .....	137,201
Registrar-General's estimate of Resident Population .	21,670
Population at Census of 1931 .....	22,058
do.                    1951 .....	23,733
do.                    1961 .....	21,866
Number of Inhabited Houses at 31st December 1970 (according to rate books) .....	7,764
Rateable Value at 1st April 1970 .....	£642,438
Sum represented by a Penny Rate - Estimated 1970/71 .	£2,530

# VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Number .....	162	179	341	
Rate per 1,000 population .....				15.7
Illegitimate Live Births				
(per cent of total live births) .....				9.1
Stillbirths				
Number .....	8	5	13	
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .				36.7
Total Live and Stillbirths .....	170	184	354	
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year) .....	5	1	6	
Infant Mortality Rates				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....				17.6
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....				16.1
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....				32.3
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births) .....				14.7
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births) .....				11.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) .....				48.3
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)				
Number of deaths .....		nil		
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .				nil
Deaths				
Number .....	172	130	302	
Rate per 1,000 population .....				13.9



Comparison with previous years

Year	Death Rate	Birth Rate	Illeg. Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Neo-natal Mortality Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate
Average 1951- 1960	12.3	17.3	3.5	23.6	25.7	19.9	39.5
1961	14.2	16.7	4.6	21.3	32.7	32.7	50.7
1962	13.9	17.6	5.2	18.0	44.5	36.7	51.4
1963	14.2	19.2	5.1	14.2	36.1	33.7	47.4
1964	13.8	19.4	4.0	11.7	14.2	7.1	18.7
1965	11.5	16.5	7.2	19.1	27.8	19.4	38.1
1966	13.8	18.2	5.5	17.2	20.1	17.5	27.1
1967	13.8	16.5	6.9	24.3	13.9	6.0	29.7
1968	13.7	15.6	4.4	8.7	14.6	14.6	20.3
1969	14.1	17.0	6.2	28.6	16.0	10.7	39.1
1970	13.9	15.7	9.1	36.7	17.6	14.7	48.3

Comparison with other areas 1970

Area	Death Rate	Birth Rate	Illeg. Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Neo-natal Mortality Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate
England and Wales .....	11.7	16.0	8.	13.	18.	12.	23.
Admin. County of Cumberland	12.2	14.6	6.4	14.9	18.2	12.0	25.2
Urban Districts of Cumb. ..	12.5	15.2	5.8	14.4	14.6	9.5	22.3
Rural Districts of Cumb. ..	12.1	14.1	6.8	15.2	20.8	13.8	27.2
Rural District of Wigton ..	13.9	15.7	9.1	36.7	17.6	14.7	48.3



### Causes of Infant Deaths

Main cause of death	M	F	Age
Atelectasis .....	1	-	7 hours
Atelectasis .....	1	-	2 days
Multiple congenital defects ...	1	-	3 days
Multiple congenital defects ...	1	-	11 days
Prematurity .....	1	-	1 day
Unclassified .....	-	1	1+ months
Total .....	5	1	-

There were 341 live births during the year, a decrease from 373 in the previous year. There were six deaths of children under one year, as in 1969.

Two children died of atelectasis and two of multiple congenital defects, all aged under one month.

The stillbirth rate shows an increase on 1969 when it was 28.6 and in turn the perinatal mortality rate shows an increase on 1969 when it was 39.1.

The illegitimate birth rate shows an increase from 6.2 in 1969.

All stillbirths and deaths in the first week of life are studied by the Maternity Liaison Committees for East and West Cumberland. The variations in local rates are to be expected because of the very small numbers involved.

## CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970

Causes of death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Tuberculosis of respiratory system .....	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -
Late effects of respiratory tuberculosis .....	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc .....	M F	1 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 -
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus .....	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	M F	8 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	2 -	4 2	1 3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine .	M F	3 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 1	1 1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .....	M F	7 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	5 -	- -
Malignant neoplasm, breast ....	M F	- 7	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 2	- -	- -	- 3	- 2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ....	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, prostate ..	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Leukaemia .....	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1



Other malignant neoplasms .....	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	52
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	57
Benign and unspecified neoplasms .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Diabetes melitus .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Anaemias .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Multiple sclerosis .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Other diseases of nervous system .....	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	57
Chronic rheumatic heart disease .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Hypertensive disease .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Ischaemic heart disease .....	M	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	57
Other forms of heart disease ..	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
Cerebrovascular disease .....	M	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13
	F	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	57
Carried forward .....	M	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	57
	F	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	57



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970 CONTINUED

Causes of death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Brought forward .....	M F	123 98	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	1 -	5 3	6 7	16 2	43 28	52 57
Other diseases of circulatory system .....	M F	7 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 1	5 4
Influenza .....	M F	3 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	1 -	2 1	- 1
Pneumonia .....	M F	7 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	3 -	3 -
Bronchitis and emphysema .....	M F	7 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	3 -	2 -
Asthma .....	M F	1 2	- -	- -	- 1	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1
Other diseases of respiratory system .....	M F	2 3	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 1	- -	- 1
Peptic ulcer .....	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1	- -
Intestinal obstruction and hernia .....	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- 1
Other diseases of digestive system .....	M F	2 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 2	- 3	1 -

Nephritis and nephrosis .....	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	67
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	71
Hyperplasia of prostate .....	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies .....	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ....	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality .....	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle accidents .....	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents .....	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries .....	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes .....	M	172	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	6	27	55	67	
	F	129	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	8	35	71	



Diseases of the heart and blood vessels are by far the commonest cause of death. Ischaemic heart disease commonly known as coronary heart disease caused the death of 50 males and 34 females.

Cancer has again claimed a large number of victims (56 persons). In 1970 there were 7 cancers of the lung, all male. The major factor in this form of cancer is of course cigarette smoking. Cigarette smoking also contributes to bronchitis and there were seven male deaths from bronchitis and emphysema.

There is a distressing loss of life due to accidents and suicide. These together accounted for four male and five female deaths.

In both cigarette smoking and accidental death there are problems of human attitudes and behaviour and there is scope for a great deal of education for health.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified (other than tuberculosis) during the year :-

Disease	0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25 & over	Age unknown	Total	Deaths
Measles .....	15	94	101	-	-	5	215	-
Dysentery .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever .....	-	2	12	-	-	-	14	-
Whooping cough .....	2	2	4	1	-	-	9	-
Infective jaundice .....	-	2	37	9	2	-	50	-
Diphtheria .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute meningitis .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute encephalitis (I) ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
do. (PI) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum ....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis (P) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
do. (NP) .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leptospirosis .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plague .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cholera .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anthrax .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhus fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relapsing fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas .....	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Puerperal sepsis .....	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-

Measles has again provided the largest statistic in notified infectious disease. With an effective vaccine against measles being used extensively in the district it is hoped that eventually this may become an uncommon or absent disease in the community. It is disappointing to see that measles notifications have risen from 61 cases in 1969 to the above figure for 1970.

Most family doctors in the area commenced computer booking of immunisation sessions in the autumn of 1970 and this should improve the efficiency of patient attendance for all types of immunisation.

Infective jaundice has given rise to a large number of notifications during the year. Children of 5-15 years in the Aspatria and Wigton town areas have been mainly affected. Clean personal habits at home and at school are vital in efforts to control this disease. Control is made more difficult because of the long incubation period for this disease.



# TUBERCULOSIS

The following table gives particulars of cases notified and of the deaths during 1970 :-

Age Group	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0- 1 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1- 5 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 .....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 .....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45 .....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65 .....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals .....	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1970 was as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary .....	25	13	38
Non-pulmonary .....	-	2	2
All forms of tuberculosis ...	25	15	40

New cases recorded during the past ten years are shown in the following table :-

Year	New cases	
	Respiratory	Non-respiratory
1961	5	1
1962	4	1
1963	4	1
1964	8	2
1965	2	1
1966	3	-
1967	2	1
1968	1	-
1969	2	-
1970	5	-

R E P O R T  
on the  
Work Carried Out  
by the  
Public Health Inspectors  
During the Year  
1970



August 1971

As this is to be my last Annual Report I am taking the opportunity of looking back over the years since I first came to the district in 1936, in order that Members of the Council of more recent years may be able to appreciate some of the improvements which have taken place in the sphere of environmental health, and I hope see some worthwhile changes.

In fairness I think it should be put on record that the numerical strength of the health department has never been such as would permit of a study in depth of any facet of the work.

For years following de-urbanisation in 1934 three inspectors were responsible for the work, including to a limited degree the duties of surveyor - a short-sighted policy which gave rise to shortcomings not even yet made good.

Not until 1954 was a separate engineer and surveyor's department established, and then it comprised only one technical officer and one clerk/typist. As a consequence of the separation of duties the health department carried on with two technical officers but a third was added in mid 1965 because of increasing duties.

Housing Housing conditions in 1936, particularly in Wigton itself were bad. Despite an abundance of green acres surrounding the town, houses huddled together in courts and alleys as though to protect themselves against the elements. So close were they packed in places one had to look straight up to catch a glimpse of the sky.

I recall thatched roofs, cellar dwellings, back-to-back houses, infestation by bed bugs, and inclusive rents as low as 1s.9d. per week.

Today people queue for Council houses at £3.60 per week, but I can well remember having to persuade some to accept rehousing from the first slum clearance areas. One well known character eluded me. I had at last talked him into acceptance of a key but I evidently overlooked the significance of his inebriation for next day he had changed his mind. I was young and very naïve at the time.

I recall the deplorable conditions in which many of the older poor existed and cannot but make comparison with the excellent provision made today in the form of Parker Morris Standard bungalows, meals-on-wheels, home helps, and other social service facilities.



This Council can take pride in its record of having built 141 one bedroom and 220 two bedroom bungalows. Fifty of these are of the supported independency type, 20 at Wigton and 20 at Silloth with warden oversight, and 10 at Aspatria alongside a County Council Home with oversight by the matron.

Altogether the Council has provided 1847 dwellings, the latest of which are really desirable and form a sharp contrast with earlier conditions.

The estate of 98 houses built to replace the first slum clearance areas is now itself being up-dated by way of improvement grants, a reminder of the ever-changing scene.

Thinking of the high rise flats one sees in cities these days, a building policy dictated by necessity, one appreciates all the more the type of housing provided here.

Re-development of a clearance area which was dealt with under a Compulsory Purchase Order as Wigton's main car park was criticised on the grounds that parking facilities should have been provided farther out and this central area used for old people's housing needs.

Considering the small number of units of accommodation which could have been built on the site the great majority would still have had to be located elsewhere, whereas the parking facilities made available are extremely useful to a wide section of the public and would seem to justify the policy.

A great disappointment to me is the failure of proposals to re-develop the site of condemned houses and adjacent land, much of it laid to waste, in the centre of Wigton for housing purposes.

The reason, one of cost, may of course be valid, but it seems a shame to have a sterile site right in the centre of the community only a few yards from the shopping area.

I firmly believe this site will some day be developed, but at a much enhanced cost.

At the time of writing the future of Harriston hangs in the balance. Whether to condemn or re-vitalise this community of 105 houses is the problem and it would seem that a combination of the two may prove to be the solution. This would involve 50 per cent demolition work and the conversion of the remaining houses to form half as many acceptable dwellings, plus a substantial infusion of new building.



The south aspect from Harriston is indeed beautiful, but unfortunately not all the houses would benefit from the view. An advantage would arise from utilisation of some existing services and there would be no need to acquire valuable farming land on the outskirts of Aspatria with the expensive attendant problem of developing services.

The big problem as I see it concerns the acceptance or rejection of this scheme on the part of the public. Such a remedy does not only involve Harriston, for by means of natural wastage housing vacancies would arise and be filled over the years from other places, principally Aspatria. Would these families willingly go and live at a new Harriston ?

Many substandard houses remain to be dealt with in our villages but I am more convinced than ever that the best way of dealing with this problem is to restore and improve them by way of improvement grants wherever possible. There are some cases of course where demolition is called for, but I am concerned that the worthwhile character of most of the villages be retained.

Improvement Grants The principle of improvement grants was received with misgivings in 1950. Some Councillors thought it wrong to be giving away public money to private developers in such a fashion. The legislators however were concerned with houses rather than people in this instance, although in the final analysis it is people who reap the benefit.

There was concern over the great number of houses deteriorating to a standard warranting condemnation with the attendant colossal cost of replacement and the swallowing up of more and more valuable agricultural land for building operations.

More and more people were clamouring for the typical amenities which a Council house affords but had poor prospects of achieving their ambition prior to the introduction of improvement grants. The queue for Council houses was a long one.

By way of such grants it should be possible to contain the problem within more acceptable limits although clearance of the slums must still play an important part in the overall housing strategy.

When I first arrived the Rural Workers Housing Act was operative whereby grants of £100 were available to owners with houses in rural areas, which included the whole of this district. The standard achieved here at that time was very poor and bears little relationship to the improvement grants of today.



Refuse disposal Way back in 1936 refuse collection in Aspatria and Wigton was undertaken by means of horses and carts, and in Silloth an open lorry was in use. The villages fared even worse, that in which I was living in 1940 had a monthly collection of tins and bottles only, undertaken by the Parish Council.

Today a weekly collection is the general rule throughout this scattered area of over 200 square miles, and has been since 1961, using modern vehicles. The latest acquisition is a 'Norba', the first refuse vehicle in this country with the combined screw compression and ram ejection principle, and the very first vehicle to come off the production line is today in use in this rural district.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection In 1936 there were 32 private slaughterhouses in the district, mostly sited in back streets and alleys, and slaughtering took place at any old time.

The advent of the second world war with its centralised slaughtering policy brought this era to a close.

After the war when controls were lifted only three private slaughterhouses re-opened and the war-time centralised slaughterhouse was taken over by the Council.

At the same time something new for this area emerged, namely the buying of meat 'off the hook' from wholesalers outside the district.

These remaining premises fell far short of the post war standard required and two were closed. The remaining butcher involved extensively remodelled his premises to conform and the Council built a public abattoir to meet the needs of the area.

At first the throughput of the public abattoir was greatly below capacity, until a wholesale butcher started to use the premises.

In the year under review the throughput was 19,301 animals and at the private premises 733. Every one of these animals was subject to a post mortem examination by a public health inspector and 12 tons of meat was condemned as being unfit for the food of man. This represents a great deal of work for a small authority's staff.

I will make my last comparison the marked difference in the fitness of meat for human consumption. I recall the time when tuberculosis was rampant in bovine animals. A perusal of the interesting statistics on pages 34 and 35 shows a very different picture. Bovine tuberculosis is virtually eradicated.



Acknowledgements It just remains for me to make the customary acknowledgements to those with whom I have been associated in my work. First the Council itself. I am proud to place on record the splendid relationship I have always had with my employers. I believe that I have had respect throughout the years, and I trust that anything I may have lacked in ability will have been compensated by a sincerity of purpose and a sense of duty.

As for my colleagues past and present, it has been a pleasure working with them. The health department has had a good relationship with other departments, and helpful assistance has been given and received freely at all times, just as it should be. But these things do not just happen, they have to be fostered.

Within the department there is a happy atmosphere and a sense of loyalty, and of the latter I have been the recipient of more than my fair share. I shall miss this association more than I care to admit.

It may be unwise to single out individuals for special mention but I desire to do just this in the case of Mrs Hammond for her part in keeping the records of the department over a long period. Mrs Hammond came to us from the county health department in 1947 and throughout these years has been an invaluable colleague. Her ability and exceptional loyalty I gratefully acknowledge.

Conclusion When I arrived here as a raw recruit the Council was settling down to the aftermath of de-urbanisation and amalgamation of districts brought about under the Cumberland Review Order of 1934. The settling down process took a long time. Parochialism kept raising its ugly head for years after the merger of the four authorities as the Wigton Rural District Council.

Now as I conclude the introduction to my last Annual Report the Council is actively engaged in discussions to do with another major upheaval, even more far reaching than the last, taking us still farther away from the grass roots of democratic local government.

Will it be for better or for worse ? Who knows ! The former change was undoubtedly for the better.

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H O U S I N G



# GENERAL HOUSING STATISTICS

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
1. Occupied dwellings in the area .	7,365	7,480	7,523	7,660	7,700	7,764
2. Houses built for the Council during the year .....	109	66	34	113	28	7
3. Private houses built during year	40	38	21	46	51	40
4. Total number of occupied houses subject to Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings .....	13	34	26	15	12	11
5. Houses demolished or closed during year as a result of statutory action .....	19	10	57	26	34	26
6. Total number of houses known to be overcrowded .....	2	-	1	1	3	3
7. New cases of overcrowding recorded during year .....	2	-	1	1	2	3
8. Cases of overcrowding relieved during year .....	9	2	-	1	-	3
9. Total applicants for Council houses .....	605	659	648	591	670	752
10. Applicants for exchange of Council houses, included in 9	103	143	124	100	107	120
11. Applications for Council houses received during year .....	262	240	238	279	220	243
12. Families rehoused by Council during year .....	157	120	100	161	87	60
13. Houses made fit through statutory action .....	14	15	13	4	15	6
14. Improvement grants carried out .	50	57	52	34	39	109

# APPLICANTS REHOUSED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

	From private houses to		Exchanges and transfers to	
	New houses	Existing houses	New houses	Existing houses
Abbeytown houses .....	- (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	2 (1)
Allonby houses .....	- (-)	2 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Aspatia houses .....	- (-)	9 (9)	- (-)	5 (1)
do. bungalows .....	- (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Blennerhasset houses .....	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Fletchertown houses .....	- (4)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
do. bungalows .....	- (6)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Hayton houses .....	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Kirkbride houses .....	- (-)	- (2)	- (-)	- (1)
Newton Arlosh houses .....	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Oulton houses .....	- (-)	1 (2)	- (-)	- (-)
do. bungalows .....	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Silloth houses .....	- (-)	4 (6)	- (-)	12 (6)
do. bungalows .....	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Thursby houses .....	- (-)	3 (1)	- (-)	1 (1)
do. bungalows .....	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Torpenhow houses .....	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Uldale houses .....	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Waverton houses .....	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Westnewton bungalows .....	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Wigton houses .....	- (-)	19(30)	- (-)	9 (9)
do. bungalows .....	5(13)	4 (3)	2 (5)	- (2)
do. supported indep- endency bungalows ...	- (-)	3 (2)	- (-)	2 (1)
Totals .....	5(23)	53(64)	2 (5)	32(22)

1969 figures are shown in brackets



# UNFIT HOUSES

Address of property	No. of houses				
	Repres- ented	Demolition Order	Closing Order	Under- taking	Carried forward
* West End Cottages, Oulton .....	-	-	-	-	3
* Mereside Cottage, Bromfield ....	-	-	-	-	1
* Middle Farm Cottage, N.Arlosh ..	-	-	-	-	1
* Rose Cottage, Hesket Newmarket .	-	-	-	1	-
* Sea Dyke End, Silloth .....	-	-	-	-	1
* Parkgate Cottage, Waverton .....	-	1	-	-	-
* 49 Burnfoot, Wigton .....	-	-	1	-	-
* 18/20 Longthwaite Road, Wigton .	-	-	-	-	1
King Gate Cottage, Watch Hill ....	1	-	-	1	-
65 Harriston, Aspatria .....	1	-	1	-	-
79 Harriston, Aspatria .....	1	-	1	-	-
33 Harriston, Aspatria .....	1	-	1	-	-
Tile Kiln, Aspatria .....	1	-	1	-	-
20 East End, Wigton .....	1	1	-	-	-
Solway View, Whitrigg .....	1	-	-	1	-
Hall Farm Cottages, Torpenhow ....	2	2	-	-	-
East Cottage, Blennerhasset .....	1	1	-	-	-
7 The Green, Blennerhasset .....	1	-	-	1	-
3 Oak Cottages, Station Rd. Wigton	1	-	1	-	-
Carried forward .....	12	5	6	4	7



Address of property	No. of houses				
	Repres- ented	Demolition Order	Closing Order	Under- taking	Carried forward
Brought forward .....	12	5	6	4	7
Cot. at East End, Blennerhasset ..	1	-	-	-	1
Longcroft Farm Cottage, Kirkbride	1	1	-	-	-
Criffel View, Cardurnock .....	1	1	-	-	-
Westfield Cottage, Port Carlisle .	1	1	-	-	-
Longlands Head, Kirkbride .....	1	-	-	-	1
55/61 King Street, Aspatria .....	4	4	-	-	-
Brow Top, Baggrow .....	1	-	1	-	-
92 Harriston, Aspatria .....	1	-	-	-	1
Gallahow, Baggrow .....	1	1	-	-	-
House near Wavercroft, Waverton ..	1	1	-	-	-
Newton Outfield, Allonby .....	1	-	-	-	1
Barclose, Abbeytown .....	1	-	-	-	1
Barrock House, Glasson .....	1	-	-	-	1
The Lookout, Glasson .....	1	-	-	-	1
4 Meetinghouse Lane, Wigton .....	1	-	-	-	1
15/17 East End, Wigton .....	2	-	-	-	2
Cottages at Overby .....	2	-	-	-	2
Lowther Cottages, Mawbray .....	2	(Demolished before Orders made)			
Rose Cottage, Skinburness .....	1	-	-	-	1
Totals .....	37	14	7	4	20

\* Represented prior to 1970.



BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND  
NORTH EASTERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION HOUSES AND BUNGALOWS

	Applicants				Deduct Council Property Vacated	Corrected total	
	Living in Council Property	General	Out- siders	Total		Houses	Bung- alows
Abbeytown houses ....	1	8	1	10	4	6	
do. bungalows	1	7	1	9	-		9
Aikton .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Allonby .....	-	4	-	4	-	4	
Aspatia houses ....	8	85	11	104	30	74	
do. bungalows	25	46	11	82	2		80
Beckfoot .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Elennerhasset houses	-	2	-	2	1	1	
do. bungalows	-	1	-	1	-		1
Blencogo .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bolton houses .....	1	5	-	6	-	6	
do. bungalows	-	2	-	2	-		2
Carwath .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Church Hill .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cowslow .....	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Drumburgh .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fletchertown houses.	-	2	-	2	1	1	
do. bungalows	1	4	-	5	-		5
Glasson houses .....	-	4	-	4	-	4	
do. bungalows	-	1	-	1	-		1
Hayton houses .....	-	4	-	4	-	4	
do. bungalows	-	3	-	3	-		3
Ireby .....	1	5	-	6	-	6	
Kirkbampton .....	-	4	-	4	-	4	
Kirkbride houses ...	-	9	2	11	4	7	
do. bungalows	2	11	-	13	-		13
Newton Arlosh .....	-	-	-	-	1	-1	
Oulton houses .....	-	2	-	2	3	-1	
do. bungalows	-	-	-	-	-		-
Rosley .....	-	-	1	1	-	1	
Silloth houses .....	15	58	10	83	30	53	
do. bungalows	16	67	17	100	-		100
Thursby houses .....	2	17	2	21	1	20	
do. bungalows	2	6	1	9	-		9
Torpenhow .....	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Uldale .....	-	2	-	2	2	-	
Wath Head .....	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Waverton .....	-	4	-	4	-	4	
Westnewton houses ..	-	1	-	1	-	1	
do. bungalows	-	-	-	-	1		-1
Wigton houses .....	17	109	15	141	38	103	
do. bungalows	28	65	19	112	2		110
Totals .....	120	541	91	752	120	302	333



DISPOSITION OF COUNCIL AND  
NORTH EASTERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION HOUSES AND BUNGALOWS

1BB	2BB	1BB SI	2BH	2BF	3BH	3BF	4BH	Total	Annual Wastage	
-	-	-	13	-	63	-	-	76	2	Abbeytown houses
6	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Aikton
-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	22	1	Allonby
-	-	-	43	-	257	-	19	319	13	Aspatia houses
14	47	10	-	-	-	-	-	71	2	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Beckfoot
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Blennerhasset houses
-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Blencogo
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Bolton houses
-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Carwath
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Church Hill
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Cowslow
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Drumburgh
-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	9	-	Fletchertown houses
-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	13	-	1	14	-	Glasson houses
-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Hayton houses
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Ireby
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Kirkbampton
-	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	34	1	Kirkbride houses
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	16	-	Newton Arlosh
-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	14	1	Oulton houses
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Rosley
-	-	-	23	8	126	-	32	189	5	Silloth houses
23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	2	do. bungalows
-	-	-	1	-	79	-	2	82	2	Thursby houses
6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8	-	Torpenhow
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	1	Uldale
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	Wath Head
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	Waverton
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Westnewton houses
-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	do. bungalows
-	-	-	81	-	473	4	34	592	27	Wigton houses
40	73	20	-	-	-	-	-	133	5	do. bungalows
89	173	30	161	8	1174	4	88	1727	62	Totals

NOTE: 1BB = 1 bedroom bungalow. SI = supported independency. 2BH = 2 bedroom house. F = flat. Annual wastage = average for 3 years.



TABLE SHOWING POSITION REGARDING  
DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Formal applic- ations	Cases Invest- igated	Visits for all purposes	Applications finalised			
				Owner occupied	Tenanted	Approved expenditure	Grant paid
						£.	£.
1950	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
1951	2	6	10	1	-	340	170
1952	2	8	25	2	-	400	200
1953	7	20	77	3	1	2,402	1,201
1954	26	65	269	5	7	6,399	3,177
1955	40	104	297	21	10	19,435	8,642
1956	24	76	257	25	18	28,909	12,263
1957	34	98	288	17	12	18,463	8,119
1958	28	69	351	13	9	14,153	5,659
1959	30	91	282	15	8	20,761	7,093
1960	31	73	293	22	11	24,567	10,280
1961	34	108	346	9	10	14,417	6,249
1962	26	62	280	21	11	26,478	10,595
1963	25	73	235	13	13	20,993	8,789
1964	25	40	204	12	12	25,285	8,681
1965	27	49	209	14	6	21,383	7,507
1966	21	42	241	16	9	26,376	9,217
1967	12	27	182	20	4	27,149	9,267
1968	49	48	200	12	4	20,282	6,203
1969	61	66	285	8	3	10,793	4,205
1970	99	119	400	21	50	77,688	33,161
Totals	604	1,245	4,732	270	198	£406,673	£160,678

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR  
BY WAY OF DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Conversions to water carriage system .....	6	
By way of septic tanks .....	5	
Connections to Council's sewers .....	1	
New drains laid .....	56	
Water closets provided .....	7	
Washbasins and sinks provided .....	50	(29)
New ranges and grates provided .....	38	(34)
Hot water laid on .....	16	
Electricity installations .....	2	
Additional bedrooms provided .....	5	
Kitchens improved .....	51	
Kitchens built .....	10	
Bathrooms built .....	9	
Bathrooms converted from other accommodation .	18	
New floors laid .....	35	(9)
Windows enlarged .....	82	(31)
Food stores provided .....	29	
Rooms heightened .....	4	
Dampness remedied .....	24	
Mains water supply laid on .....	4	
Buildings converted to dwellinghouses .....	6	

(figures in brackets show number of houses involved)



TABLE SHOWING POSITION REGARDING  
STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Applic- ations Approved	Applications finalised			
		Total	Cost of Works	Maximum grant payable	Grant paid
			£.	£.	£.
1959	104	4	938	385	314
1960	37	108	5,035	2,460	2,145
1961	72	28	6,905	3,423	2,959
1962	36	68	6,237	3,080	2,716
1963	40	33	8,799	4,590	4,080
1964	28	37	9,779	5,160	4,393
1965	38	30	8,916	4,392	3,964
1966	31	32	12,392	5,863	5,357
1967	24	28	10,437	5,451	4,579
1968	31	18	7,246	3,103	2,787
1969	41	27	12,269	6,049	5,283
1970	32	38	18,270	8,553	7,873
Totals	514	451	£107,223	£52,509	£46,450

# SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

## BY WAY OF STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Baths provided .....	34
Washbasins provided .....	33
Sinks provided .....	6
Hot water laid on .....	34
Water closets provided .....	38
Food stores provided .....	15



# DWELLINGS IMPROVED BY WAY OF GRANTS

Parish	Discretionary Grants	Standard Grants
Aikton .....	10	6
Allhallows .....	15	27
Allonby .....	6	13
Aspatria .....	53	105
Blennerhasset & Torpenhow ..	22	8
Boltons .....	11	5
Bowness .....	20	17
Bromfield .....	24	16
Caldbeck .....	24	15
Dundraw .....	3	5
Hayton & Mealo .....	7	3
Holme Abbey .....	10	10
Holme East Waver .....	7	7
Holme Low .....	10	4
Holme St. Cuthbert .....	12	8
Ireby .....	19	5
Kirkbampton .....	8	2
Kirkbride .....	12	11
Sebergham .....	10	8
Silloth .....	50	31
Thursby .....	8	4
Waverton .....	17	5
Westnewton .....	7	3
Westward .....	17	10
Wigton .....	75	142
Woodside .....	11	4
Totals .....	468	474

No.	Date	Locality	Collector	Specimen	Remarks
1	1917	...	...	...	...
2	1917	...	...	...	...
3	1917	...	...	...	...
4	1917	...	...	...	...
5	1917	...	...	...	...
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32	1917	...	...	...	...
33	1917	...	...	...	...
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38	1917	...	...	...	...
39	1917	...	...	...	...
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41	1917	...	...	...	...
42	1917	...	...	...	...
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45	1917	...	...	...	...
46	1917	...	...	...	...
47	1917	...	...	...	...
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50	1917	...	...	...	...
51	1917	...	...	...	...
52	1917	...	...	...	...
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86	1917	...	...	...	...
87	1917	...	...	...	...
88	1917	...	...	...	...
89	1917	...	...	...	...
90	1917	...	...	...	...
91	1917	...	...	...	...
92	1917	...	...	...	...
93	1917	...	...	...	...
94	1917	...	...	...	...
95	1917	...	...	...	...
96	1917	...	...	...	...
97	1917	...	...	...	...
98	1917	...	...	...	...
99	1917	...	...	...	...
100	1917	...	...	...	...

FOOD



CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED, AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART  
AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Killed at public abattoir .	3,655	442	20	11,624	3,560
Killed at private abattoir	47	-	559	127	-
Totals .....	3,702	442	579	11,751	3,560
Inspected at					
public abattoir .	3,655	442	20	11,624	3,560
private abattoir	47	-	559	127	-
Totals .....	3,702	442	579	11,751	3,560
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT</u> <u>TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	10	6	15	1
Percentage .....	0.02	2.26	1.04	0.13	0.03
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1,716	326	1	668	176
Percentage .....	46.35	73.76	0.17	5.68	4.94
<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage .....	-	-	-	-	0.03
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	13
Percentage .....	-	-	-	-	0.37
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage .....	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned .....	-	-	-	-	-

PRINCIPAL GROUNDS OF CONDEMNATION OF CARCASSES AND OFFAL  
AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Disease	Bovine lbs.	Calves lbs.	Sheep lbs.	Pigs lbs.
Abscess .....	2,264	-	36	165
Actinobacillosis .....	342	-	-	-
Arthritis .....	430	-	98	2
Ascaris Lumbricoides ....	-	-	-	215
Cirrhosis .....	-	-	-	18
Coryne Bacterium .....	-	-	-	24
Cysticercus Bovis .....	24	-	-	-
Distomatosis .....	13,137	-	838	-
Emaciation .....	350	-	-	-
Endocarditis .....	3	-	-	-
Fatty infiltration .....	14	-	52	-
Gangrene .....	-	-	120	-
Hepatitis .....	-	-	2	-
Hydronephrosis .....	8	-	-	11
Inflammation .....	-	-	2	-
Injuries and bruising ...	459	30	51	80
Joint ill and atrophy ...	-	18	-	-
Leukaemia .....	-	-	150	-
Lymphosarcoma .....	400	-	-	-
Melanosis .....	12	-	-	-
Moribund .....	-	-	40	-
Necrosis .....	38	-	-	-
Nephritis .....	3	-	-	-
Oedema .....	3,516	100	147	-
Parasitic .....	119	-	296	126
Pericarditis .....	8	-	-	13
Pleurisy .....	36	-	-	70
Pneumonia .....	71	-	96	123
Pyæmia .....	-	110	168	-
Septic mastitis .....	379	-	-	-
Septic Peritonitis .....	500	-	-	-
Septic Pleurisy .....	-	-	252	-
Telangiectasis .....	486	-	-	-
Tuberculosis .....	-	-	-	254
Totals .....	22,599	258	2,348	1,101



FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

FOOD PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE REGULATIONS  
GROUPED IN CATEGORIES OF TRADE

Type of premises	Total No.	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (provision of wash hand basins)	No. to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks)	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Grocery .....	63	63	63	63
Bakery and confectionery ....	17	17	17	17
Sweet confectionery .....	16	16	2	2
Butchery and making-up rooms.	14	14	14	14
Dairies .....	4	4	4	4
Ice cream manufactories .....	3	3	3	3
Retail ice cream .....	4	4	4	4
Fruiterers .....	5	5	5	5
Fish friers .....	6	6	6	6
Wet fish .....	3	3	3	3
Licensed .....	61	61	61	61
Licensed clubs .....	5	5	5	5
Hotels .....	5	5	5	5
Cafes .....	12	12	12	12
Works' canteens .....	4	4	4	4
Village halls .....	24	24	24	24
Institutions .....	7	7	7	7
School dininghalls & canteens	34	34	34	34
Mineral water manufactories .	2	2	2	2
Shrimp picking .....	14	14	14	14
Totals .....	303	303	289	289

PARTICULARS OF FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED  
AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION  
AT PLACES OTHER THAN SLAUGHTERHOUSES

	Cwts.	lbs.
Canned meats .....	1	50
Other canned foods .....	6	50
Other foods .....	3	15
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Total .....	11	3



BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF ICE CREAM

SAMPLING RESULTS

Category	Grading			
	I	II	III	IV
Soft .....	3	1	1	-
Other .....	18	-	3	-

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

SAMPLING RESULTS

Total samples	Untreated		Pasteurised			
	Methylene Blue test		Methylene Blue test		*Phosphatase test	
	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
48	17	8	20	3	22	-

\* 1 pasteurised sample not phosphatase tested

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

UNTREATED SAMPLES OF MILK TESTED FOR  
BRUCELLA ABORTUS

Samples	M.R.T. Positive	Brucella Abortus Isolated
215	30	13

Brucella abortus was found in samples of untreated milk taken from one dairy. An Order was served under section 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 on the owner of the offending herd.

Individual samples were taken from this large herd and positive results were obtained from a further eleven cows. These animals were excluded from the herd and bulk samples were taken from the remainder. Positive results were again obtained suggesting that some animals were intermittent excretors of the organism.

The herd had been "self-contained" for many years and this indicates the difficulty which can be experienced in trying to eradicate this disease. No attempt was made to pursue the matter further by the department and the milk is receiving heat treatment. The farmer has applied to join the Ministry's Brucellosis Eradication Scheme.

Two similar Orders had been imposed in previous years in respect of this herd but these were cancelled after sampling had indicated the offending animals and they were removed from the herd for slaughter.



12	13	14
15	16	17

# OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

## (A) REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices .....	-	25	2
Retail shops .....	-	86	23
Wholesale shops, warehouses .....	-	2	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ..	-	6	2
Totals .....	-	119	27

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors  
to registered premises under the Act ..... 39



(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Contravention	No. found
4	Cleanliness .....	-
5	Overcrowding .....	-
6	Temperature .....	-
7	Ventilation .....	-
8	Lighting .....	-
9	Sanitary conveniences .....	-
10	Washing facilities .....	-
11	Supply of drinking water .....	-
12	Clothing accommodation .....	-
13	Sitting facilities .....	-
14	Seats (sedentary workers) .....	-
15	Eating facilities .....	-
16	Floors, passages and stairs .....	-
17	Fencing exposed parts machinery .....	-
18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery .....	-
23	Prohibition of heavy work .....	-
24	First aid general provisions .....	-
	Total .....	-

(C) EXEMPTIONS (Space; Temperature; Sanitary conveniences;  
and Running water)

No. of applications received ..... nil  
No. of applications granted ..... nil

(D) PROSECUTIONS

No. instituted and completed during the year ..... nil

## (E) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Number Reported		Total No. investigated	Action recommended			No Action
	Fatal	Non-Fatal		Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail shops .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops, warehouses .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Analysis of reported accidents

	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens
Machinery .....	-	-	-	-
Transport .....	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons .....	-	-	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person .....	-	-	-	-
Handling goods .....	-	-	-	-
Struck by falling object .....	-	-	-	-
Fires and explosions .	-	-	-	-
Electricity .....	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools .....	-	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified .....	-	-	-	-



# WATER SUPPLIES

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES OF WATER TAKEN BY THE  
WEST CUMBERLAND WATER BOARD AND THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

	Samples taken			
	At source		At supply	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
From Chapel House Reservoir before treatment .....	-	7	-	-
After treatment at Filter Works, Mealsgate .....	-	-	15	-
Haygill Intake .....	9	-	10	2
Townthwaite Intake .....	-	-	-	-
Thornthwaite Springs .....	-	-	-	1
Longlands Adit .....	-	-	8	-
Aughertree Spring .....	-	-	-	-
Routengill Intake .....	-	-	1	-
(Carlisle C.B.)				
Great Orton (Carlisle C.B.) .	-	-	-	-
Private supplies .....	-	-	-	5

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES OF WATER TAKEN FROM THE  
SWIMMING BATHS AND PADDLING POOLS

Place	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Swimming Baths, Solway Lido .....	2	-
Paddling Pool, The Green .....	-	1
Paddling Pool, Solway Lido .....	-	2
Paddling Pool, Solway Holiday Camp ...	-	1



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 SAMPLES OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS.

ANALYSES OF THE SAMPLES OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS				REMARKS
NO.	DATE	ANALYST	ANALYSIS	
1	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
2	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
3	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
4	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
5	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
6	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
7	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
8	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
9	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
10	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

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6	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
7	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
8	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
9	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...
10	10/10/10	J. H. H.	...	...

# SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 .....		3
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 .....		2
Civic Amenities Act 1967 .....		29
Factories Act 1961 .....		32
Food and Drugs Act 1955 .....		892
Distributors of milk .....	34	
Food preparation rooms .....	12	
Food shops .....	22	
Knackers' yards .....	3	
Licensed premises .....	1	
Milk and ice cream sampling .....	90	
Outworkers - shrimp picking .....	19	
Poultry processing station .....	15	
Private slaughterhouse .....	66	
Public abattoir .....	606	
Travelling shops .....	3	
Unsound food in houses .....	1	
Unsound food in shops .....	19	
Village halls .....	1	
Housing Act 1957 .....		198
Housing Act 1969 .....		606
Noise Abatement Act 1960 .....		2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.		39
Public Health Acts 1936/61 .....		993
Building regulations .....	445	
Camping sites and moveable dwellings	29	
Drains examined and/or tested .....	60	
Housing defects .....	72	
Others .....	164	
Infectious diseases .....	126	
Refuse removal .....	78	
Complaints regarding service	9	
Refuse tips .....	69	
Water sampling .....	19	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 .....		165
Rag Flock Act 1951 .....		2
Miscellaneous .....		877
Housing applications .....	616	
Land charge searches .....	70	
Air pollution apparatus .....	51	
Air pollution .....	6	
Starlings .....	6	
Unclassified .....	128	



# SUMMARY OF NOTICES

	<u>Served</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Informal		
Public Health Acts, 1936 and 1961 .....	16	19
Housing Act, 1957 .....	1	-
Food and Drugs Act, 1955 .....	2	7
Milk and Dairies Regulations 1963 .....	1	2
Factories Act, 1961 .....	3	6
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 .....	-	16
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 .	-	1
Civic Amenities Act, 1967 .....	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>25</u>	<u>52</u>

## Statutory

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 93 .....	2	1
Public Health Act, 1961, Section 29 .....	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>
	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>

## RODENT CONTROL

At the end of April the workman responsible for the survey and treatment of properties under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 resigned from this post on appointment as attendant at the slaughterhouse.

Opportunity was taken to place this work on a contract basis and as from the end of September contracts were entered into for one year.

In the interim period complaints were attended to by a public health inspector and the general foreman.

Work undertaken during the year was as follows:

Number of properties inspected following notification .....	58
Number infested by rats .....	37
Number infested by mice .....	5

Number of properties inspected for rats/mice	
for reasons other than notification .....	31
Number infested by rats .....	15
Number infested by mice .....	1



# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## Part I of the Act

### 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health:

	Number on Register	Inspection	Number of written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	85	30	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .....	-	-	-	-
Totals .....	87	32	3	-

### 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

	Number of cases in which defects were -				Number of cases in which pro- secutions were in- stituted
	Found	Reme- died	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness .....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding .....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ..	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors .....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) insufficient .....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective .....	3	4	-	3	-
(c) not separate for sexes .....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including Offences relating to out-work) .....	-	2	-	-	-
Totals .....	3	6	-	3	-





